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Dear Josh:

I have talked with a number of people here concerning the survival of bacteria in extreme vacua. Thus far these conversations have not been productive. We have done no work at the pressures you are considering.

Charlie Phillips is recuperating from an appendix operation and a subsequent infection. As of this date, NASA has not indicated a desire for work on disinfection.

A few weeks ago we were quite surprised and pleased to have one of your students, Allan Richter, assigned here for military duty. He was given a choice of working in our bacterial genetics group or with a group in virology. He chose the latter and will be working with Dr. Arthur Brown on viral genetics.

Sincerely yours,


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